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## **Message From The Chairman's Pen**

New Year Wishes and Aspirations for Our School Community

As we welcome the fresh beginnings that come with the New Year, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and anticipation. Reflecting on the past year, we have indeed traversed a remarkable journey, filled with learning, growth, and resilience. Now, as we stand on the threshold of another promising year, I extend my warmest wishes to each one of you for a prosperous and fulfilling 2024.

The New Year is a time of renewal, a moment to set new goals and dream even bigger. For our beloved school, it marks the beginning of another chapter in our enduring commitment to excellence in education. Our collective endeavor has always been to create an environment where our students can achieve their fullest potential, guided by our dedicated faculty and supported by our wonderful community of parents and staff.

This year, we aspire to scale new heights in schooling. We are committed to enhancing our academic programs, broadening our extracurricular offerings, and strengthening our community engagement. Our focus will remain on providing a holistic education that not only imparts knowledge but also instills in our students the values of compassion, resilience, and lifelong learning.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage each one of you to embrace the opportunities that this New Year brings. Let us work hand in hand to foster a culture of curiosity, innovation, and excellence. Let our school be a place where every student feels inspired, every teacher feels valued, and every parent feels confident in the bright future that lies ahead for their children.

As your Chairman, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together and even more excited about what the future holds. Let us step into this New Year with a renewed sense of purpose, a commitment to excellence, and a heart full of hope.

Here's to a spectacular 2024, filled with achievements, happiness, and unparalleled growth for our Genius family!
- D.V. Mehta

#### From The Editor's Desk

Empowering Excellence: A Commitment to Year-Round Staff Development

Dear Friends,

As we embark on another exciting year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey and look forward to the incredible opportunities that lie ahead.

In a school environment, students often find comfort in structured learning and predictable routines. They rely on syllabuses, set curriculums, and established methods of assessment. This is the 'known' part of their education, providing a stable foundation for learning. However, the true essence of education lies in exploring the unknown. This involves encouraging students to ask questions, delve into uncharted topics, and engage in creative problem-solving.

Just as life becomes mechanical without the element of the unknown, education loses its vitality if it's overly rigid and predetermined. The excitement in learning comes from discovery, from finding answers to questions that haven't been asked before. When students are encouraged to say "I don't know" and explore topics beyond the curriculum, they open themselves up to new possibilities and deeper understanding.

The wisdom of the Upanishads, emphasizing the value of acknowledging what we don't know, can be a guiding principle in education. Teachers who cultivate a sense of wonder and curiosity in their students are helping them to embrace the unknown. This approach fosters a learning environment where students are not just passive recipients of information but active participants in their educational journey.

Incorporating practices like regular meditation or mindfulness exercises in schools can also be beneficial. These practices help students clear their minds, approach learning with a non-judgmental attitude, and cultivate a state of wakefulness and wonder. In such an environment, learning becomes not just an accumulation of facts but a journey of discovery, where each new piece of knowledge is a step towards a broader understanding of the world.

Ultimately, balancing the known with the unknown in education mirrors the balance in life itself. It prepares students not just academically, but also mentally and emotionally, for the uncertainties and possibilities of the future. This holistic approach to learning nurtures well-rounded individuals who are not only knowledgeable but also openminded and adaptable.

Let's make this year remarkable, filled with learning, growth, and joy. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

- Dimple Mehta

# SPELL BEE CONTEST AT COMUS School

On November 4, 2023, Genius School organized a Spelling Bee Contest for the students of **7**th **and 8**th **Grade** (Regular Section). The contest was supervised by **Rahila Ma'am**, who prepared a worksheet of spellings for the students to practice before the event. The objective of the activity was to make the students learn more words and their spellings, as well as their pronunciation.

The contest had three rounds of increasing difficulty and excitement. In the first round, the students had to write the words that were dictated by the teacher. The second round required the students to speak the spellings of the words that were asked by the teacher. The winners of the second round qualified for the final round, which was a buzzer round. In this round, the teacher would say a word, and the students had to press the buzzer as fast as they could and write the word on the board. The student who wrote the correct spelling first would get a point.

The spelling bee contest was a fun and educational activity that tested the students' vocabulary and spelling skills. The students enjoyed the challenge and learned new words along the way. The contest also fostered a healthy spirit of competition and teamwork among the students. The photos of the event show the enthusiasm and joy of the participants and the teacher.

The spell bee contest was a success, and the students are looking forward to more such activities in the future.







### KALA MAHAKUMBH ACHIVEMENTS

Genius School proudly clinched the 1st rank in the District-level Garba Competition, showcasing exceptional talent & dedication. A total of 13 girls participated in the event, forming four teams that competed fiercely. The coach, Jigna Vadgama, played a pivotal role in guiding and training the teams to their outstanding success. Among the remarkable participants, Priyansh Malvi from the 5th standard stood out,

skillfully playing the harmonium. Priyanshu is a student of Shivam Joshi, exemplifying the school's commitment to nurturing diverse talents and fostering a vibrant cultural environment.







# CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION AT GARDI COLLEGE ON COMPLETION OF A VOCATIONAL COURSE

The atmosphere at Gardi College was filled with jubilation as our students proudly received their certificates for successfully completing their vocational courses. This significant milestone marked the culmination of their dedication, resilience, and unwavering enthusiasm for acquiring new skills and knowledge to boost both their career prospects and personal growth. Throughout their learning journey, these students have consistently demonstrated a commendable commitment to excellence.

Gardi College takes immense pride in having played a crucial role in facilitating and supporting their educational endeavors. As an educational institution, we believe in nurturing not just academic excellence but also the holistic development of our students. Witnessing our students reach this milestone is a testament to their hard work and determination.



